

What Stephen King Novel is It?

Published in 1975

Of all of his books this was Stephen King's personal favorite

First novel made into tv mini-series

The book's first victims were two brothers, Danny and Ralphie Glick, who were walking home through the woods

Takes place in a small town in Maine, Jerusalem's Lot

BY THE AUTHOR OF

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It is his seventh novel and the fifth novel under his own name It concerns Johnny Smith, who is injured in an accident and remains in a coma for nearly five years

Upon emergence, he exhibits clairvoyance and precognition

THE DEAD

What Stephen King Novel is It?

First published in 1980

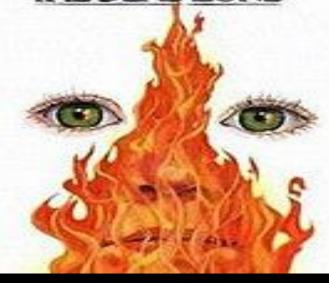
a father/daughter pair are on the run from a government agency known as "The Shop"

While in college, the father and mother of the main character were part of an experimental drug research project run by The Shop and developed telepathic and telekinetic abilities

daughter Charlie developed a frightening pyrokinetic ability



A Novel by the Author of THE DEAD ZONE



What Stephen King short story is It?

Published in The Skeleton Crew in 1985

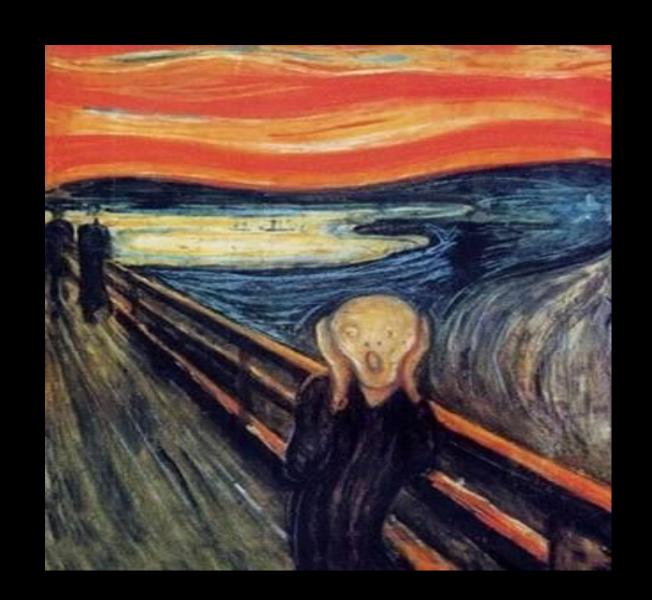
4 College friends decide to swim to a wooden raft on a remote Pennsylvania lake to celebrate the end of summer

The villain is a mysterious oil slick-like substance floating on the surface that appears to go after the girls as they reach the raft

The Raft



THE HORROR OF ...



Courtroom Decorum

Why do we need rules for courtroom decorum?

Most outrageous attorney conduct you have witnessed in court?

Did you know there are General Rules of Court?

Rule 12?

Lawyer Know Thyself



LAWYER, KNOW THYSELF: A REVIEW OF EMPIRICAL RESEARCH ON ATTORNEY ATTRIBUTES BEARING ON PROFESSIONALISM

This article suggests that we are psychologically different from the general population

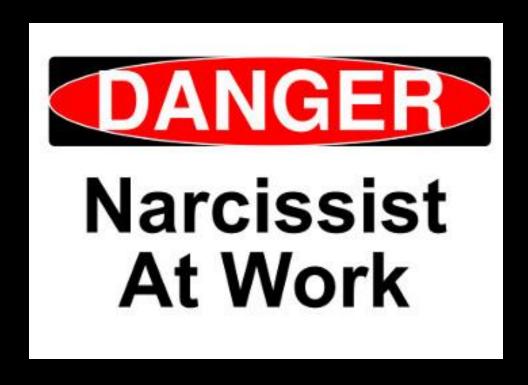
Conclusion:

some of the traits at the root of our moral crisis are present prior to law school maybe exacerbated by law school experience education is unlikely to effect change

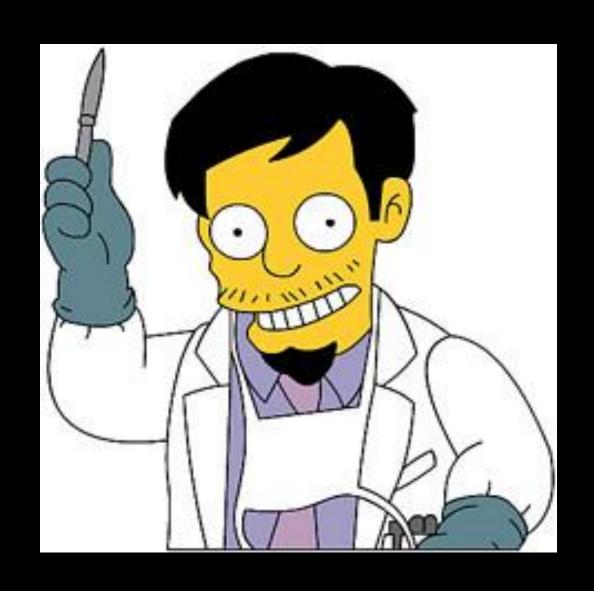
It got me wondering...



WHAT ARE TOP FOUR PROFESSIONS FOR NARCISSISTS?



SURGEON



POLITICAN



CEO CFO MANAGER



LAWYER



Poll

Do lawyers have an inflated sense of their own importance?

Do lawyers have a need for excessive attention?

Do lawyers lack empathy?

Poll

Are attorneys on time to court?

Any theories on why some attorneys are always late?

Narcissistic personality disorder

- an inflated sense of their own importance
- a deep need for excessive attention and admiration
- troubled relationships a lack of empathy for others

GENERAL RULES OF COURT RULE 12

Unless for some unusual reason connected with the business of the court, attorneys **will not** be sent for when their cases are called in their regular order

Counsel are at all times to conduct themselves with dignity and propriety What does this mean?

All statements and communications to the court other than objections and exceptions shall be clearly and audibly made from a standing position behind the counsel table

Counsel shall not approach the bench <u>except</u> upon the permission or request of the court

The examination of witnesses and jurors shall be conducted from a sitting position behind the counsel table except as otherwise permitted by the court

Counsel shall not approach the witness except for the purpose of presenting, inquiring about, or examining the witness with respect to an exhibit, document, or diagram

Business attire shall be appropriate dress for counsel while in the courtroom

- Does not mean golf shirt and slacks
- Yoga pants and suit jacket
- OHigh school letterman jacket and tie

All personalities between counsel should be avoided.

The personal history or peculiarities of counsel on the opposing side should not be alluded to.

Colloquies between counsel should be avoided.

Colloquy

- 1. A conversation, especially a formal one
- 2. A written dialogue

Adverse witnesses and suitors should be treated with fairness and due consideration.

Most effective cross I ever witnessed was calm and polite and devastating

Abusive language or offensive personal references are prohibited

The conduct of the lawyers before the court and with other lawyers should be characterized by candor and fairness

Fairness

- Ex parte requests without notification
- Regurgitated denied Ex parte request
- Calendaring motions prior to 5 days notice
- Not notifying Judge/opposing counsel of scheduling conflict until morning of

Rule 12

Counsel shall not knowingly misinterpret the contents of a paper, the testimony of a witness, the language or argument of opposite counsel or the language of a decision or other authority

- Misstatement of law re: child support arrears
- Ex parte request in ED matter selling property
- Choice of Venue argument without ref controlling authority

Rule 12

shall not offer evidence which one knows to be inadmissible

Rule 12

 Counsel should yield gracefully to rulings of the court and avoid detrimental remarks both in court and out

One should <u>at all times</u> promote respect for the court

The Penalties for Ignoring Rule 12

A successful advocate must be persuasive.

It's an essential part of the job.

[note: it can be learned]

To persuade the court for your case, one must have credibility with the tribunal and have to hold its attention.

One can't do this without a mastery of court etiquette

Your address to the court has to be polite and show deference.

If what you say, or how you say it...

necessitates a tribunal's looking behind poor manners in order to assess the merits of your argument – most likely you will lose the case. it is not only a disservice to your client, it is also a breach of your ethical duty to the court.

And beyond damaging your own reputation, it blights the profession at large – lending support to the view that there is generally disorder in the court.

If that doesn't convince you...

There's always contempt

Conclusion

- The judicial process is one of respect.
- Respect is essential to our system of justice.
- This process is a cornerstone of how a civil society resolves conflict
- Otherwise, bring back...

Tina Turner & Thunderdome



Preparing your case

- All day FC Case calendared in April motion to cont less than a week before trial in Sept
- ED trial disaster: retirement account and marital debt
- TPR dismissed
- Motion to withdraw for client non-cooperation when client was deceased
- Amended discovery motion served by fax day before status conference
- Motion to continue (denied) week before trial due to lack of medical records
- Motion to continue (denied) for lack of psychologist report ordered
- Motion to continue (denied) for witness unavailability but was not under subpoena
- Murder No PC due to Dr not under subpoena
- First degree murder trial the King has no clothes

Read the applicable statutes/Rules of Civil Procedure

- Motion to Change Venue after Notice of Appeal
- Rule 59 filed before written order entered
- Statutory Rape Juvenile transfer hearing debacle
- Local rules for Family Court sanctions
- Family Court time limits

Didn't know where else to put this...
Don't know what to say, really...

Making general appearances while claiming indefinite medical leave in criminal cases

There is actually an RPC on point Just sayin'

Happy Halloween!!

